

So Much More Than Books

The Quarterly Newsletter of the Winneconne Public Library

A Word from the Library Director



Library Director, Holly Selwitschka

Not By Books Alone...

Welcome to the premiere edition of *So Much More Than Books*, the quarterly newsletter of the Winneconne Public Library, scheduled for distribution on the first of April, July, October and January. The newsletter is intended to share information not only about the books and great literacy enriching activities the library has to offer, but also to illustrate what a valuable resource the library is to the community.

When I was first hired for the position of library director, it was my ambition to create an

environment to which every person may feel welcome; that the library would occupy a residential presence of mind as much as a physical place; that residents and visitors to Winneconne alike would hear the word library and automatically think of it as a community gathering place, a social and cultural epicenter, and a destination of choice.

In the less than two years that I've been here, I think we've come a long way in creating a welcoming atmosphere in the library and establishing open and trusting relationships between library patrons and staff. By listening to patrons and their suggestions for purchasing books or developing new activities, I hope to cultivate a sense of ownership in library users. After all, the library belongs to its patrons, and my staff and I are here to serve you.

I invite you to work with me to uncover the needs of the Winneconne community and surrounding areas, so that I can

focus the library's efforts to make the greatest possible positive impact on residents in areas which have the most need. The library has potential to make change happen, but it takes a village working together to make the greatest difference in the lives of its residents. Not by books alone, may the library make a positive impact on the quality of life for its patrons.

I will attempt to provide as many opportunities as possible to volunteer at the library, voice your opinion or make suggestions for the improvement of our collection and/or services. To begin, I'd like to know your opinion of the library's open hours. Please go to www.surveymonkey.com/s/winneconne-hours to complete a quick survey and let your opinion be heard. I value your involvement!

Sincerely,

Holly Selwitschka
Library Director

Kids in the Library PAWS for READING

The library initiated its new "Paws for Reading" program this spring. Children in grades kindergarten through fifth grade may read to Greta, a friendly and loveable German Shorthair Pointer.

Greta and her handler, Lynn, make a great team. They are fully certified as a therapy dog team and have gone into hospitals to visit people who need to be cheered and comforted. They've been doing that for five years! Now, they are spreading cheer and inspiring confidence in young readers at the library.

"When we turn the corner to head for the library, Greta gets so excited. She knows she's going to the library, and she can't wait for the children to read to her," says Greta's owner, Lynn Rogers.



The intent of the program is to help children overcome their inhibitions about reading, but it clearly does so much more than that.

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Special points of interest:

- Winneconne Community Learning Lab Opens during National Library Week
- Chelsy Cegielski offers Job Skills and Resume workshops at the Library
- Wisconsin Children's author, JoAnn Early Macken to visit Winneconne Elementary School
- Friends of the Library seeks volunteers and gently used books for their upcoming Used Book Sale

Take a survey, share your opinion about ...

the Library's Open Hours

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Thanks!

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Introducing the Winneconne Community Learning Lab

Join us during National Library Week, April 12 – 17, for the premiere of the Winneconne Community Learning Lab. The four-computer laptop lab will be open to the public for 2-3 hour time slots at various times throughout the week.

Library Skills Demonstrated

- placing holds online
- downloading audio content to your MP3 player
- paying fines with your credit or debit card online (a brand new service!)

Resume Review and Online Job Search Training

On April 14 from 9-11, a local employment counselor will be present to review resumes and share tips for searching for jobs on the Internet. Log onto our website for event times and details: www.winneconnelibrary.org.

The library was awarded the LSTA grant for Innovative Use of Technology through the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. The grant is administered federally by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The intent of the grant is to develop a wireless laptop lab to create a resource for community learning. It will contain four laptop computers, equipped with wireless capabilities and Microsoft Office products, and an LCD projector.

In addition to educational programs and workshops, the library will establish open lab times for individual use while a knowledgeable staff member or volunteer is on hand to assist patrons in using the equipment. When the lab is not in use, individuals may use the laptops within the library to avoid being put on the waitlist for the public Internet desktop stations.

Computer classes and a variety of workshops will be offered through partnerships with local individuals and organizations. Topics may include basic skills, genealogical research, Internet safety and job skill training.

If you are interested in enrolling in a computer course or job training workshop at the library, please call ahead to register or have your name added to the waiting list. The number to call is (920) 582-7091.

Job Search Workshops: Thursdays in May 9-10am

Chelsy Cegielski will be offering interactive Job Search workshops using the laptops from the Winneconne Community Learning Lab every Thursday in May from 9-10 in the morning. Chelsy is a part time evening instructor with Lakeland College, Fox Cities Kellett School for Adult Education. She has worked with Lakeland since 1998 in the Career Development and Human Resource Offices as the Manager of Student Employment and Career Counselor. Chelsy holds a Masters Degree in Business Administration (MBA) from Lakeland College and a Bachelors of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, MN. She is the proud mother of 3 girls - Isabel 6, Addison 4 and Emma almost 2. An active member of the Winneconne Community, Chelsy is the Treasurer of the Winneconne Cooperative Nursery School and a Discussion Group Leader with All Saints MOPS program. She has been living in Winneconne since 2008.

Resume Workshops

Register in Advance*

Thursdays in May, 9-10 am

Open Lab 10-Noon

May 6

Developing and writing successful Resumes and Cover Letters

May 13

Effective Job Search Strategies, online tools, networking, the hidden job market

May 20

Interviewing Essentials - phone, in person, behavioral based

May 27

Resources available for job seekers, Dressing for success, knowing your worth

***To register, call 920.582.7091**



What Employers Want

Among the "soft" skills employers say they prize are:

- Communication Skills (oral and written)
- Strong work ethic
- Team work skills
- Initiative
- Analytical skills
- Computer skills
- Flexibility/adaptability
- Interpersonal skills
- Problem-solving skills
- Technical skills
- Detail-oriented
- Organizational skills
- Self-confidence
- Leadership skills

-Taken from Job Outlook 2009, National Association of Colleges and Employers.



Chelsy Cegielski
Career Counselor, Lakeland College

Popular New Items Added Recently

Adult Fiction

The Help

by Kathryn Stockett

Big Girl

by Danielle Steel

Split Image

by Robert B. Parker

Fantasy in Death

by J. D. Robb

The Postmistress

by Sarah Blake

Young Adult Fiction

Witch and Wizard

by James Patterson

Million-Dollar Throw

by Mike Lupica

Ruined

by Paula Morris

The Juvie Three

by Gordon Korman

Hush, Hush

by Becca Fitzpatrick

New DVDs

The Blind Side

Twilight Saga: New Moon

Time Traveler's Wife

The Hangover

The Princess and the Frog

Children's Books

Easter Egg

By Jan Brett

*Miss Brooks Loves Books
(and I don't)*

by Barbara Bottner

The 39 Clues series
by various popular children's authors

Fading Echoes

Erin Hunter

Diary of a Wimpy Kid

Movie Diary

by Jeff Kinney

Book Club Corner

Book club meets at the library the fourth Monday of each month at 6:00pm.

April 26

Shanghai Girls

by Lisa See

May 24

The Art of Racing in the Rain

by Garth Stein

June 28

Body Surfing

by Anita Shreve

July 26

The Lost Symbol

by Dan Brown

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A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life.

—Henry Ward Beecher



Jaci Grignon shares her pet bunny with a child at the library's 2nd Annual Pre-School Easter Egg Hunt on March 23.

Piggy is a 3-year-old French Lop that weighs 14 pounds. Grignon also brought her white French Lop, Bumble. The rabbits were a popular attraction at the event.



Wisconsin children's author, JoAnn Early Macken, will read and sign books at Family Reading Night at Winneconne Elementary School Thursday, April 22 from 5:30—6:30pm. Books will be for sale at the event and available for pre-ordering from Apple Blossom Books. Homeschooling families are welcome to attend Macken's presentations at the school during the day. Call the library for more details.

Staff Picks

Jean suggests:

Shades of Blue by Karen Kingsbury

In the book "Shades of Blue" by Karen Kingsbury, you will meet Brad Cutler, a young successful man who has it all, a great job, a wonderful fiancée and a strong faith. So why when his highly anticipated wedding is only six weeks away does his past begin to trouble him. Brad will soon learn that he must return to his past to make amends with the events that are haunting him before he can continue on his new journey in his married life. This is a really good read that highlights the importance of forgiveness and the value of honesty.



Kick off the summer with Building the Way, the library and local Businesses Friday, June 4 and Saturday, June 5. The Blind Side will be shown outside at Waterfront Park Friday, June 4 at Dusk; the Friends of the Library will hold their annual Used Booksale Saturday, June 5 from 9-1 and the library will kick off its summer reading program with a magic show and other fun activities. It is also the weekend of the Chamber of Commerce Annual Car Show.



Ninety-five people participated in the Easter Egg Hunt that was held in Waterfront Park on March 23.

Photo courtesy of Marlene Lenz

Paws for Reading (continued from page 1)

When a child walks into the room, Greta wags her tail enthusiastically.

Children gain confidence in their reading skills with Greta by their side, and they form a friendship based on trust.

The shared experience inspires a deeper appreciation for reading in children.

When children can associate

reading with such a positive experience, they feel so empowered by their own abilities that they can't wait to do it again!

Currently, Paws for Reading takes place every other Tuesday at the library, beginning at 3:30. Occasionally, the program may be offered on a Saturday, as well. After reading, children get a bookmark with a

picture of Greta as a keepsake of the experience.

If you have a child in kindergarten through fifth grade who'd like to read to Greta, call the library to set up an appointment.



Lynn Rogers with Greta.

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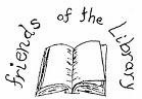
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Friends of the Library

Join the Friends of the Library! Annual membership dues cost only \$5! The Friends of the Library supports the library in many ways. They financially sponsor the Summer Reading Program; they volunteer their time and provide volunteers for programs and other activities; they purchase special equipment and furnishings for the library; they promote literacy by participating in community events, such as the Kindergarten Round-up; they host an annual used book sale; and they are strong library advocates. Anyone can show their support of and gratitude for library services by joining the Friends group.

Currently, the Friends of the Library are planning for the Winneconne Community School District's Kindergarten Round-up. Each child who participates in the round-up receives a free book and bag of goodies to promote early literacy. The Friends of the Library are looking for volunteers to help out with the Kindergarten Round-up. Many other volunteer opportunities are quickly approaching with the Friends used book sale Summer Reading Program beginning Saturday, June 5.

On Monday, May 10, the Friends of the Library will hold their annual business meeting. The meeting is open to current members, volunteers and anyone wishing to join the Friends group. Following the meeting, the library staff will host a Volunteer Reception to show our appreciation for all the assistance we've received from the Friends of the Library and other volunteers throughout the year. If you plan to attend the meeting and reception, please call the library to register, so that we can have an idea of how many people to plan for.

Announcements

Census 2010

The 2010 Census is underway. The information compiled by the Census is essential for many reasons. The Census is an invaluable resource, giving statistics that are helpful in applying for government grants and designed much-needed services for the community. Individuals rely heavily on the Census to assist them in finding out about their ancestry. If you haven't filled yours out yet, please do so soon and return it to the Census office. A lot of people are counting on that information!

Extra forms are available at the library. If you have questions, you can call 866.872.6868.

Village of Winneconne Newsletter

The Village of Winneconne has started a quarterly newsletter of their own. If you're interested in keeping up with Village news and updates, please call their office to sign up. The number to call is (920) 582-4381.

Get Involved

Whether you are a high school student looking for ways to complete your community service hours, or an adult wishing to find new ways to serve the community, the library offers a variety of opportunities for people to volunteer: assisting with children's programs, putting books away, or helping people in the computer lab, we can accommodate volunteers of varying backgrounds and abilities.

Please call for more information, 582-7091.